



**TOWN OF REHOBOTH
TOWN WARRANT**

Special Town Meeting

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023
7:00 PM**

**Francis Farm
Museum Building
27 Francis Farm Road
Rehoboth, MA 02769**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Rehoboth
Bristol, ss**

To any of the Constables of the Town of Rehoboth

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town aforesaid who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, therein, to meet at Francis Farm-Museum Building, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following Special Town Meeting articles:

ARTICLE 1: AUTHORIZATION TO USE CAPITAL STABILIZATION OR OTHER SOURCE FOR SENIOR CENTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer, from the Capital Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$759,814.80, to address various needs for Senior Center facilities including, without limitation: roof repair/replacement, signage, repairs & expansion of parking lots, enhancements to interior spaces and other capital improvements, along with maintenance of the facility, as it relates to the rebuilding, renovating and maintaining of the Senior Center and the needs of the seniors; or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting
Source of Funds: Capital Stabilization \$759,814.80

Comments: The amount of \$759,814.80 represents the net balance from the insurance proceeds for the insurance settlement of the former Council on Aging building. This will be used specifically for the rebuilding and renovating as well as maintenance and repair of the Council on Aging complex. This article will ensure funds are available for any unforeseen or emergency type of repairs as needed or changes due to services offered to the seniors. This requires 2/3rd majority vote.

ARTICLE 2: PEG ACCESS AND CABLE FUND PURSUANT MGL C. 44 S. 53F 3/4
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, pursuant to MGL C. 44, S. 53F ¾, \$601,893 from the PEG Access and Cable Fund for the purpose of supporting cable access services for the Town of Rehoboth; or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved **Disapproved**

Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting
Source of Funds: PEG Access and Cable Fund
FY23: \$362,143 and FY24 Estimate \$239,750

Comments: This article ensures the Town's compliance to MGL C. 44 S. 53 ¾ for both FY23 expenditures and FY24 budget for the PEG and Cable Access operations.

ARTICLE 3: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS OF A PRIOR YEAR
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$16,903.98 from Free Cash to pay bills from the previous year as printed below; or take any other action relative thereto.

Vendor/Dept Name	Purpose	Amount
Amazon -Police Dept./Facilities Maintenance Dept./Treasurer's Dept.	Late Billing	\$3,103.98
Vacuum Truck Rentals, LLC- Highway Dept.	Late Billing	\$13,800.00

 Approved **Disapproved** **Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting**
Source of Funds: Free Cash \$16,903.98

Comments: Invoices were received from the vendors after the close of FY23. This requires a 9/10 Vote.

ARTICLE 4: BOARD OF HEALTH-TRANSFER STATION OFFSET RECEIPTS
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF HEALTH

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 from the 2023 Annual Town Meeting to reauthorize an “offset receipts” account for the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area and its operation pursuant to MGL C. 44 S. 53E. Fees collected for the use of the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area will be deposited in this fund. The account shall be for the expenses and improvements incurred for the operation, maintenance, monitoring and / or compliance requirements of the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area. The Fiscal Year 2024 expenditures shall be increased from the estimated amount of \$148,700.00 to a new amount of \$152,400.00. All expenditures are to be authorized by the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

 Approved **Disapproved** **Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting**

Comments: The operation of the Transfer Station is estimated to cost \$152,400.00 in FY24 and will be funded by pay-as-you-throw fees. This is an amendment from the 2023 Annual Town Meeting in May.

ARTICLE 5: ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF THE “THE CORN CRIB”
SUBMITTED BY: HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift from the owner, George Handy of Fine Farm, the land and buildings of that property known as The Corn Crib located at the intersection of Tremont St. and Anawan St., further identified as Assessors’ Map 71, Lot 37 more or less, which shall include the corn crib structure and that portion of Assessors’ Map 71, Lot 37, as determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town as aforesaid, said property to be used for general municipal purposes and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen

acquire by gift any and all easements appurtenant and necessary therefore and to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same; and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$4,200 for surveying costs said property; or take any other action relative thereto

Approved Disapproved

Historical Commission Recommends: Approval
Finance Committee Recommends: At Town Meeting
Source of Funds: At Town Meeting

Comments: The Rehoboth Historical Commission would like the town to approve the acceptance of the donation of The Corn Crib and the parcel of land. It is a landmark in this town and deserves to be preserved. It is also a great reminder of the importance of the farming community in this town.

ARTICLE 6: GENERAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER A-ARTICLE IV-TOWN OFFICIALS-APPOINTED-SECTION 3A-CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SUBMITTED BY: CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV, Section 3A of the Town’s General Bylaws by adding the following sentence at the end of such section: *“The Conservation Commission may appoint up to 2 non-voting associate members to the Commission”*; or take any other action relative thereto.

Approved Disapproved

Conservation Commission Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 7: AMEND LANGUAGE ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOR AND SOUTH FIRE STATION ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the property located at Martin Street, Rehoboth, MA, the same premises as described on Assessors’ Valuation Book for 1952, Page 73, Line 3, as more specifically described in the deed 2230, Pg. 327 recorded in the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, subject to all easements and restrictions of record, for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town and subject to the requirements of MGL C. 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act, or take any other relative action thereto.

Approved Disapproved

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approval


Comments: A comprehensive easement for the benefit of the South Rehoboth Fire Association, Inc. was granted from the town in 1982, which provides the South Rehoboth Fire Association, Inc. the right to use, occupy, income and improve the premises. If the South Rehoboth Fire Association, Inc. is the winning bidder in the procurement process, the full fee interest in the property may be conveyed to it.

ARTICLE 8: TRANSACT OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING


You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the Office of the Town Clerk and in not less than three other public places in each of the four precincts of the Town fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for the meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

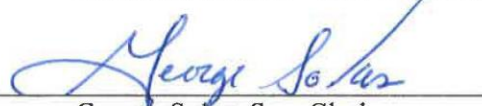
Given under our hands this 10th day of October in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. - Chairman




Leonard Mills, Jr. - Vice Chairman



George Solas, Sr. - Clerk



Robert Johnson, II - Member



Michael P. Deignan - Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF REHOBOTH

TOWN HALL | 340 Anawan St | Fax: (508) 252-5342

DEPARTMENT TEL/EXTENSIONS

HOURS OF OPERATION: Mon-Thurs 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

DEPARTMENT	NAME	EXT.	TEL. NO.	DEPT #	
<u>Accountant</u>	Ashley Pires, Town Accountant.....	3125	(T) 252-3363	2	
	Christine Arthurs, Asst.....	3124			
	Accounting Ring Group.....	3902			
<u>Animal Control Officer</u> Hours Vary	Rob Johnson.....	3126	(T) 252-5421	3	
	Brian McKearney, Asst.....				
<u>Assessors</u>	Linda Greaves, Admin Assessor.....	3114	(T) 252-3352	4	
	Paul Costa, Admin Aide.....	3115			
	Assessors Ring Group.....	3903			
<u>Board of Health</u>	Karl Drown, Health Agent.....	3101	(T) 252-3099	5	
	Amy Brown, Admin	3100			
	BOH Ring Group.....	3904			
<u>Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator</u>	Deborah Arruda, Town Administrator.....	3104	(T) 252-3758/59 (F) 252-5342	1	
	Carol Chencus, Exec. Sec.....	3106			
	Marisa Medeiros, Asst. to the BOS.....	3107			
	Odete Lacourse, TA Admin. Asst.....	3111			
	2 nd Flr. Selectmen's Meeting Rm.....	3129			
	Selectmen's Ring Group.....	3901			
<u>Building Inspector / Zoning Officer</u>	Bill McDonough, Bldg. Inspector.....	3220	Cell: 508-838-4979 (T) 252-3335	6	
	Kathy Amaral, Office Admin	3221			
	Building Ring Group.....	3911			
<u>Buildings Maintenance</u>	Michael Viveiros, Superintendent.....	4200	Cell: 774-331-1477		
<u>Conservation / Planning Board / ZBA</u>	Daniel Roach-ConCom/PB Agent.....	3108	(T) 252-6891	7	
	Stacy Vilao, Office Admin (Mon 11-4; Tue & Wed 8-4; Thu 11-4, Fri 8-12)	3105			
	Planning Ring Group.....	3905			
<u>Council On Aging</u> 27 Francis Farm Rd	Linda Sherman, Director.....	4015	(T) 252-3372 (F) 252-4716	5	
	Meal Site.....	4010			
	Front Reception.....	4009			
	Brigitta Hart, HHS Admin.....	4012			
	Main Room Ring Group	4900			
<u>Finance & Compliance</u> 27 Francis Farm Rd	Susan Pimental, Interim Director.....	4100			
<u>Fire Chief</u> 334 Anawan St	Francis T. Barresi.....	2112	(T) 252-3725 (F) 252-4018		
	Linda McKenna, Office Admin.....	2111			
<u>Health & Human Services</u> 27 Francis Farm Rd	Geraldine Hamel, Public Health Nurse.....	3127	(T) 252-5947 (F) 252-1027	5	
	Stephanie Reis, Asst. Public Health Nurse...	3128			
	Nurse Ring Group.....	3913			
	Elizabeth Doyle, HHS Int Director.....	4000			
	Brigitta Hart, HHS Admin.....	4012			
	Melissa Shea, Outreach/SHINE Coordinator) ...	4017			
	Kathy Stevens, Outreach Asst.....	4016			
	Jake Kramer Veterans Agent.....	3122			(T) 252-4467
<u>Highway</u> 345 Anawan St	Kevin Chace, Superintendent.....	3210	(T) 252-3912 (F) 252-3421		
	Stacy Vilao (Mon & Thu 8-10:30)	3211			
	Shop.....	3214			
	Highway Ring Group.....	3910			
<u>IT & Media Dept</u> <u>Media Group</u>	Bruce Alexander, IT Facilitator	3300			
	Ciara Kilkenny, Media & Comm Manager...	3302			
	Media Ring Group.....	3915			
<u>Police Dept.</u> 334R Anawan Street	James Trombetta, Chief.....	1106	(T) 252-3722 (F) 252-6036		
	Brian Ramos, Deputy Chief.....	1120			
	Shayna Bennett, Admin	1103			
	Martina Fiore, Financial Admin.....	1196			
<u>Town Clerk</u>	Laura Schwall, Town Clerk.....	3110	(T) 252-6502	8	
	Kerrie Perkins, Asst Town Clerk.....	3109			

	Jennifer Hose, Admin Aide.....	3112		
	Town Clerk Ring Group.....	3908		
<u>Transfer Station-</u> Hours: Tue 4-7 and Sat 8-3	William Hanrahan, Manager	3250	(T) 252-6987	
	Transfer Station Ring Group.....	3914		
<u>Treasurer / Tax Collector</u>	Lisa Dias-Cabral, Treasurer/Collector.....	3119	(T) 252-3262	2
	Lindsey Sylvia, Asst Treasurer.....	3116		
	Debbie Giles-Asst Collector.....	3120		
	Treasurer Ring Group.....	3907		
<u>Tree Warden</u>	Robert Johnson.....		Cell: 508-509-5691	
Gas and Plumbing Inspector	Brian Clark		252-3335	
	James Sine IV- 1st Alternate.....			
	Paul Haselton- 2ND Alternate.....			
Electrical Inspector	John Brennan.....		252-3335	
	Michael Medeiros- 1st Alternate.....			
	Randal Vincent- 2nd Alternate.....			
School Department-DRRSD 2700 Regional Rd., N Dighton MA 02764 Bill Runey, Superintendent	Superintendent's Office.....		252-5000	

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**Important
Official Notice of:
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